

TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 2, 2002 – Sacramento

M I N U T E S

Attendees: Dr. Tim Sturgill	Dr. Judith Brill	Dr. David Hoyt (phone)
Bob Eisenman (phone)	Leonard Inch	Virginia Hastings
Dr. Jay Goldman	Dr. William Tuefel	Larry Kardsteadt (phone)
Barbara Duffy, RN	Richard Watson	Maureen McNeil
Bonnie Sinz	Donna Nicolaus	

Absent: Mr. Blair Sadler, Dr. Babatunde Jinadu, Dr. Ramon Johnson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with the following addition:

- ? The Trauma Advisory Committee voted unanimously to ask the EMS Authority to reopen the trauma regulations to address an issue regarding CCS approval of PICUs. The EMSC Technical Advisory Committee will be asked to look at the CCS requirements to determine the minimum requirements for a PICU for trauma.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

REGULATION EXEMPTION REQUEST- NOR CAL

Current regulation - §100263. Level III Trauma Centers: (j)(2) Anesthesiology, on-call and promptly available with a mechanism established to ensure that the anesthesiology, on-call and promptly available with a mechanism established to ensure that the anesthesiologist is in the operating room when the patient arrives. This requirement may be fulfilled by senior residents or certified registered nurse anesthetists who are capable of assessing emergent situations in trauma patients and of providing any indicated emergent anesthesia treatment and are supervised by the staff anesthesiologist. In such cases, the staff anesthesiologist on-call shall be advised about the trauma patient, be promptly available at all time, and be present for all operations.

Nor Cal is requesting an exemption to allow either an anesthesiologist or a nurse anesthetist to be present for all trauma operations. Exemption is requested for two facilities: Mercy Medical Center, Mount Shasta and Oroville Medical Center. The request indicates that neither facility can obtain and/or maintain anesthesiology staff because of the rural location. The exemption request package contains supporting letters from the hospital.

Dr. Chet Ward, Nor Cal Interim Medical Director and Rachael Hanks-Saphore, Nor Cal Trauma Systems Director gave an overview of the Nor Cal request for exemption to the regulations and answered questions from the Trauma Advisory Committee.

After review of Nor Cal's exemption request and further discussion with the Nor Cal representatives, the Trauma Advisory Committee voted to approve the exemption for the two hospitals (Oroville and Mount Shasta) with the following caveats:

- ? Exemption is in force until such time that anesthesiologist staff becomes available.
- ? Require an outside quality review team, including an anesthesiologist, for trauma cases.
- ? Assure transfer agreements are in place for those patients needing a higher level of care.
- ? Hospitals should be reviewed in two years to ensure all requirements are met, both those listed here and those pointed out in the hospital review.
- ? The annual update on trauma submitted to the EMS Authority should include the status of all stated activities.

STATEWIDE TRAUMA SYSTEM

The advisory committee discussed possibilities for a statewide trauma system structure which included regional divisions around centers of excellence. The group reviewed the goals and objectives for development of a statewide system and made recommendations. The EMS Authority will modify the document based upon the changes and bring to the next.

NEXT MEETING

The next Trauma Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2002 in San Diego from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. As soon as arrangements are finalized, you will be notified.